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MEMORANDUM

TO: Intermediate and Local School District Superintendents
and Public School Academy Directors

FROM: Betty Underwood
Interim Director
Office of School Improvement

SUBJECT: Title III Part I Immigrant Count

The Office of School Improvement is pleased to announce the availability of the 2007-08 grants for Title III Immigrant Children and Youth. The purpose of the grants is to assist all immigrant students to acquire English language proficiency and meet challenging academic and content standards. Schools may use any research-based approach that works. No specific approach is mandated or prohibited.

The Federal government requires annually from each state a count of Immigrant students. This count is required regardless if counts are sufficient for funding under Title III. Title III funds are allocated to states based on statewide counts of Immigrant students. Please return the application with the count of Immigrant students, even if the student counts are not sufficient to qualify your school district or public school academy for Title III funding this year. Districts and academies may enter into consortia to qualify for funding. Please note that the Michigan Department of Education will compare the counts submitted by districts and academies with the counts in the Single Record Student Database (SRSD) and the State Assessment System. Differences in counts between these two systems and your application will be negotiated on a district-by-district basis.

Title III requires that Immigrant student funds be distributed only to school districts and public school academies that experience a significant increase in the Immigrant student population, as compared to one of the two preceding school years. A significant increase is defined as an increase in immigrant student population greater than the average percentage increase for the state. In addition to these criteria, the Department has established a minimum grant level at \$10,000.

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For eligibility purposes, a school district or public school academy must have a minimum student count of 20 immigrant students.

An enterable application form, in MS Word and PDF formats, is available online at <http://www.michigan.gov/osi> (click on English Language Learner Programs in the Academic Support Unit box), and should be completed based on the count of Immigrant students on the Fall 2007 Membership Count Day. Applications should be received by the Office of School Improvement no later than May 31, 2008.

If you have any questions about the Title III Program, or need assistance in completing this application, please contact Linda Forward, Supervisor, Academic Support Unit at 517-373-6066.

c: Bilingual Education/Title III Contact Person

TITLE III – IMMIGRANT CHILDREN AND YOUTH

District: _____ **District Code:** _____

Definition (Section 3301): The term “immigrant children and youth” means individuals who
(A) are aged 3 through 21;
(B) were not born in any State; and
(C) have not been attending one or more schools in any one or more states for more than 3 full academic years.

Allocation of Title III Immigrant funds is based on the immigrant student counts for the previous three years. If your district or PSA has applied for Immigrant funds previously and submitted immigrant student counts, that data will appear on the attached table and is to be transferred to the table below. Please provide immigrant student counts for all three years entering zero (0) for any of the three years in which your district had no immigrant students.

| School Year | 2005-2006 | 2006-2007 | 2007-2008 |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Immigrant Students | | | |

Title III Contact Person: _____

Title: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Please return form to Evelyn Sitterson by email (sittersone@michigan.gov) or by fax (517.335.2886)